

The 15th U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Annual Tribal Budget Consultation (ATBC)

March 6 -8, 2013 | Washington, D.C.

As in previous years, HHS will continue to work with you to improve the consultation process. The Department understands the importance of hearing from tribes on national crosscutting issues, regional perspectives, as well as tribal-specific concerns. The consultation session will provide a forum for tribes to collectively share their views and priorities with HHS officials on national health and human services funding priorities and recommendations for the Department's FY 2015 budget request. We hope the consultation will provide a venue for a two-way conversation between tribal leaders and HHS officials on program issues and concerns that will lead to recommended actions. The schedule for this year's consultation is as follows:

Tribal Resource Day: Wednesday March 6, 2013

The session is designed to give an overview of the programs, grants, and services that the Department provides to tribes. This session is particularly helpful for newly-elected tribal leaders or others who want a comprehensive introduction to HHS. We will also include an overview and training focused specifically on how the Affordable Care Act affects tribes.

One-on-one meetings with HHS Divisions: Thursday, March 7, 2013

Building off of the success of last year's one-on-one sessions, we will once again be providing tribes' time for one-on-one meetings to share their specific health and human service issues with HHS officials. This session will occur from 8:00 am to noon. Officials from various HHS agencies will be available to listen and add to the conversation. For this specific portion of the consultation we ask that you pre-register so that all tribes have an opportunity to meet with HHS representatives.

Please note that the amount of time that you are allotted to meeting with individual HHS officials will be determined by the volume of requests. To pre-register for one-on-one meeting time, please email your request, and include the agency/agencies you would like to meet, to consultation@hhs.gov. You must register for the one on one sessions by **Wednesday February 28, 2013.**

**Annual Budget Consultation:
Thursday, March 7 and Friday, March 8, 2013**

At 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 7, 2012, we will begin the consultation session. HHS will identify specific issues on which we would like to consult with tribes and will send them to you in the next few weeks so that you can prepare your thoughts, ideas, and recommendations.

Below you will find the dates of the planning calls and the call information for the call. We have also attached last year's agenda for your information and a DRAFT agenda that the calls will work off to develop this year's consultation.

Planning Conference Call Schedule

- February 6, 2013 @ 3:00 PM EST
- February 13, 2013 @ 3:00 PM EST
- February 20, 2013 @ 3:00 PM EST
- February 27, 2013 @ 3:00 PM EST

Conference Call Number (for every call)

Call In Number: 888-606-9538

Participant Code: 7679710